

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

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To: Geographic Area Coordinating Groups

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

Subject: National Preparedness Level 4

At National Preparedness Level (PL) 4 the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group, (NMAC) takes the following actions:

- NMAC will manage all crew assignments.
- NMAC will manage all CIMT assignments.
- NMAC will evaluate the need for activations of military and/or international assistance.
- NMAC meets daily Monday through Friday and on weekends as needed.

Due to limited availability and high competition for firefighting resources, the following expectations from NMAC are effective immediately. Please reference the *National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization (NISRM)* for additional details.

Complex Incident Management Team (CIMT) management at PL 4 and 5

- The NMAC CIMT Coordinator is the primary point of contact for all CIMT actions: 208.207.2859, nicc.cimt@firenet.gov.
- NMAC requires the Geographic Areas (GAs) submit the [Request for CIMT Extension or Assignment](#) for any CIMT request at PL 4 and PL5.
 - These are to be submitted by the GACC.
- When allocating CIMTs, NMAC will consider multiple criteria including, but not limited to, national rotation, availability, number of assignments, workload distribution, and travel and logistics considerations.
 - **Based on historical data, unless amended by NMAC for fire year 2025, CIMTs are to be managed to a median of 3 assignments per CALENDAR year per CIMT.**
 - **Requests to NMAC for a CIMT to be available prior to the 7-day unavailability period should occur prior to the start of the 7 days. Only in exceptional circumstances will a CIMT be asked by NMAC within the 7-day period to roster prior to the end of the 7 days.**
- Surge capacity CIMTs (which may include state, local government, or ad hoc IMTs) will be part of the allocation and factored in with the above criteria as appropriate.
- CIMTs may be allocated to incidents up to 3 days prior to their availability.
 - To remain flexible in case a higher priority arises and the CIMT needs to be reassigned, CIMTs will not be filled in IROC until actually available or until it's necessary to begin travel.
- If CIMT availability is insufficient for potential emerging incidents, as part of daily prioritization processes:



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- GAs with multiple committed CIMTs, in coordination with the NMAC CIMENT Coordinator, will reprioritize internally to meet any emerging needs.
 - GAs with multiple committed CIMTs may be asked to identify CIMENT(s) to be reassigned for emerging and exigent needs in a bordering GA.
 - All GAs will assure appropriate use of IMTs.
- CIMENT extensions should be considered and utilized to manage the number of transitions on an incident, to mitigate limited availability of CIMTs, and to reach suppression objectives.
- NMAC supports internal GA reallocation. A request is still required when reallocating to ensure the CIMENT goes to the highest priority need, which could be outside the GA.
- For emerging incidents posing an imminent threat, internal IMTs (including those on preposition) can be mobilized immediately if the following criteria are met:
 - The incident is new, emerging and/or the situation has changed dramatically.
 - The consequences of any delay in mobilization are clearly articulable and include a likelihood of life-threatening situations and/or real property damage.
 - An internal CIMENT is available to be mobilized immediately. An internal resource would include resources on GA preposition but not those on a national preposition.
 - Notification to the NMAC liaison for the geographic area and the NMAC CIMENT Coordinator is required at the time an immediate threat mobilization is proposed. NMAC will provide a decision as soon as possible regardless of time of day or meeting schedule. This decision will be promptly communicated through the GA's NMAC liaison and the coordination system.

Interagency Hotshot, Type 2IA and Type 2 Crews (Contract and Agency) management at PL 4 and 5

- The NMAC Crew Coordinator is the primary point of contact for all crew actions: (208) 272-0696 NMAC.crew@firenet.gov.
- Prior to committing any crews after rest and recuperation days, the NMAC Crew Coordinator must be consulted.
 - This includes initial attack (IA).
- In most cases, this should be accomplished 48 hours before crews are available.
 - IA requests will be considered as soon as practicable.
 - IA requests can be made through the NMAC Crew Coordinator, NMAC liaison, or the NICC COD.
- Crews currently committed within the Geographic Area (GA) may be managed internally including between North Ops and South Ops after coordination has taken place between the GACC and the National Crew Coordinator.
- Crew extensions may be approved in rare cases for very short durations.

Please direct questions to your Geographic Area NMAC liaison.

/s/ Shane McDonald, Chair, NMAC

